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FISTIC COMMENTS.

FRANK ASH SHINES.

Since reference was made to Frank Ash, the Plymouth flyweight, and the ambition with which he has gone to America in last week's "Boxing World and Mirror of Life," the welcome news that he has made an impressive debut in Jersey City has come to hand. In his gymnasium trials Frankie convinced boxing critics that he would not prove a "false alarm," and his manager, Tom O'Rourke, was able to get him a contest with Johnny Buff, former holder of the American flyweight title and also the world's "bantam" championhip.

Buff is the man Ash has made his first appearance against in a contest on the other side, and a cablegram received a few days ago says the latter was given the verdict by newspapermen at the ringside. They gave him the advantage in every round except the first, which was even. The Englishman's best weapon was his left jab, with which he pummelled Buff's face throughout the fight. Fortunately for the American it was a no-decision bout.

In outclassing Buff, as he appears to have done the Plymouth lad may be said to have earned the right to meet any flyweight Americans may regard as a top-notcher, and with O'Rourke to push his claim he should have no difficulty in securing a match with Frank Genaro, holder of the American championship, providing, of course, the latter, who is pressing for a match with Pancho Villa, the world's title-holder, does not give him the slip. Genaro has a stronger claim to tackle Villa than any other 8st. boxer, but he may be prepared to go against Ash, who would doubtless be pleased to oppose him, because such a match would afford the latter the chance to qualify for a match with Villa.

HARRY MASON WINS.

Ash's bout with Buff took place on the 11th inst., and the next evening in New York another representative of England, Harry Mason, the European lightweight champion, weighing 10st., received the judge's decision over Herb Brodie in a twelve rounds event, which, says a message to hand, was slow and uninteresting. Mason scored the majority of points with a left jab to the face, and was declared the winner on account of his all-round clever boxing. There was one knockdown scored in the bout, Brodie registering it with a right to the jaw in thhe fifth round. The latter, it may be mentioned, has stopped Pat Mills, an ex-champion of the Imperial Services, in a round.

It is pleasing to be able to record that Mason has notched his second victory in the States, but until his triumphs over some American light weight of much higher standing than Brodie or Harry "Kid" Brown, his first opponent on the other side, his followers at home will not be justified in beating the big drum. Jimmy Johnston, who is marking out of the course for Mason to take in his American campaign, is picking 'em for the English and European champion, who, while not taking chances, is not advancing

MASON'S EUROPEAN TITLE.

Besides the contest between Mascart and Charles Ledoux, referred to in last week's issue, there is going to be brought off in Paris another so-called European championship. That body with the high-sounding title, and which is not recognised in Great Britain and other countries, the International Boxing Union, has, says a message from Paris, awarded Fred Bretonnel the European lightweight championship on condition that he satisfies the regulations of the Union with regard to weight, and a match between Bretonnel, whether it is held in public or private, will be recognised by the Union as a battle for the title which Harry Mason won last year, and still has in possession.

The I.B.U's. decision has been taken as a result of the failure of the English lightweight champion, holding the European title, to reply to Bretonnel's challenge. Seaman Hall had been recognised by the Union as the European lightweight champion, and the Union declared Bretonnel's challenge to Hall to be regular. Before the period of the challenge had expired Hall was beaten by Mason, who in his turn was recognised by the Union as champion.

Bretonnel's challenge was therefore transferred to Mason, and the time within which it could be taken up expired last October 31. According to the Union Mason's manager was twice informed of Bretonnel's challenge, the second time it being made clear that if by February 1 no reply had been reieived the Union would be obliged to take a decision. This is what has now been done, Bretonnel having been "presented" with the championship.

The whole business, of course, is nonsense, and few people here will agree with the view expressed in a daily contemporary that the I.B.W. "was justified in taking action of some sort." Mason elected to go to America, and was quite free to make the trip. There was little prospect of a match between him and Bretonnel being brought off in England, and it may not be said that it was his duty to go to France and there defend his title against Bretonnel.

As champion he has more right to the choice of battle-ground than his French challenger. The I.B.U. think differently perhaps, but why should Mason box Bretonnel in France for what promoters there care to offer him? The Union has not told us that the champion has been offered terms to cross the Channel to defend his laurels, and in any case Mason had as much right to go to the States as any other boxer.

HARRY LAKE INDISPOSED.

The wave of influenza garms, which none of us has any desire to come into contact with, passed Harry Lake's way several days ago, and, as a result, the ex-champion "bantam" had to take to his bed instead of proceeding with his training for a contest he was to have had on Friday last with Andre Routis. the holder of the French "bantam" title, who, like himself, has beaten Charles Ledoux.

Through Lake's indisposition his contest with the French lad has had to be postponed, and Mr. Harry Jenkins, the Plymouth promoter, who has the men signed to box at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, has decided on Feb. 29 as the date for the event, which will arouse more than usual interest in Plymouth boxing circles, for the reason that Routis has has a win to his credit over the local boxer.

In June, 1921, when the Anglo-French Services' championships were decided in Paris, Lake, then in the R.M.L.I., met Routis for the "bantam" title and lost on points. He is looking forward to the "re-

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turn," which is to be over fifteen rounds, believing it will enable him to take revenge, but he is doubtless prepared for a hard battle. Routis, in the only contest he has had in England so far, beat Johnny Chislett in workmanlike fashion, and a lad who did that several months ago is probably a more formidable customer for Lake to tackle at the present time.

DEMPSEY AND CARPENTIER.

Since mention was made in this paper a couple of weeks ago of a rumour that the return "match" between Dempsey and Carpentier was "on" for Wembley in May, the name of Mr. C. B. Cochran has become associated with it. On Thursday last a London evening paper stated that, although Mr. Cochran, the well-known theatrical manager, left for the United States a few days ago ostensibly on theatrical and film business, it understood that his real object was to try and fix up a Dempsey-Carpentier "fight" at the Wembley Exhibition.

Possibly Mr. Cochran, who, it will be remembered, severed his connection with boxing some time ago, has or has had in view a return event between the world's champion and Carp., and I may say that I learned from a fellow scribe a few days ago that when he asked Mr. Cochran if he was ever likely to come back into the game as a promoter the answer he gave was "I may run one big show." He might have had in mind a Dempsey-Carpentier affair, and some people believe that this was fixed up when Dempsey and Jack Kearns were in London going on for two years ago.

I have met people who are sure the "match" is going to take place. They figure that although it is the general opinion that Carp. would last just as long as Dempsey chose to let him, the sporting public would be prepared to contribute the necessary "gate" solely to see the world's champion in action. Possibly they figure rightly, but it would not be a sporting public in the real sense, since the event would not call for patronage as one in which both contestants had a sporting chance.

GOLD AND LLOYD.

On Wednesday next at Fulham Baths, Harry Gold, the Ealing light-heavyweight, whom some consider should have a good future in the ring, is to go against Albert Lloyd (Australia) in a twenty rounds contest, which should serve to try the former out pretty well. Not yet twenty years of age, Gold may not know quite enough to overcome the Australian, but the meeting of the pair promises to prove entertaining. An advertisement of the event I came across says: "The winner of this contest will be sure to be the next to contest for the championship of England," but there is very small chance of this prophesy materialising In the first place an Australian cannot box for an English title, and in the second Gold is little more than a novice, who has once lost to Phil Suffling.

J. BISSELL.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.

TOM MALLINSON & JOHNNY BEE SCORE.

Tom Mallinson, the Leeds welterweight, who is regarded by some followers of boxing as one of the most promising youngsters in the game, scored a decisive victory as early as the first round when on Thursday last, at the Liverpool Stadium, in one of three fifteen-rounds contests he encountered Johnny Geach (Millwall). The pair met at 10st. 4lbs., and Mallinson, who was conceding height and reach, at once forced the work and scored several times on the ribs. Geach joined issue and a good deal of in-fighting followed, in which Mallinson peppered his man to the ribs, and then in a breakaway Mallinson drove a right hard to the jaw, flooring Geach for the full count.

Johnny Bee (Birkenhead) was also successful. His opponent, Bill Bates (Charlton), who was bigger in every way than his opponent, made a poor show in the opening round, and Bee scored several times to the ribs. Bates then, aided by extra reach, sent home a couple of head punches. In the second essay Bates sent a flush left to the jaw and several heavy lefts to the ribs. They had a rough set-to in the third session. Bee whipped right and left to the jaw, but with little power, and Bates more than equalised matters before the round closed. In the fifth Bates twice jarred his man, and at the next meeting many heavy punches were exchanged, the Southerner doing a trifle the better. Bee had the better of the seventh round, peppering his man's ribs and occasionally scoring to the face. Under the shower of body punches Bates tired, and at the close of the eighth round he gave up, complaining his right hand had given way.

An Irish flyweight, Jim Hanna (Belfast) won the other "fifteen" at the expense of Ernie Veitch (Leamington-on-Tyne). Hanna opened in hurricane style with double-handed punches to the body. Veitch took matters coolly, and sent his left to the face. The Irishman continued hifs forceful tactics in the second round, and Veitch had difficulty to keep clear of his punches. In the third round the Irishman still forced the work, but Veitch joined issue. Hanna did splendidly in the following round, especially at in-fighting. There was nothing much between them in the fifth round, although Veitch often sent his left to the face. The Belfast boxer punched to the ribs. An even round followed, while in the seventh Hanna had all the better of the exchanges. He did all the forcing at the ninth meeting, and several times jarred Veitch's head with heavy lefts. Hanna again did well in the next session, but Veitch put up a game display. The Tynesider, although very tired, mixed matters well in the twelfth round. In a rough rally in the thirteenth, Hanna caught his man low, and was cautioned. Later he drove hard to the ribs. The contest went on heavy lines to the end, when the decision went to Hanna on points.

ANGLO-FRENCH BOUTS.

Francis Desprey and Marcel Delveney, two French boxers, are to do duty at the Liverpool Stadium on Thursday. As they will be reappearing where they recently acquitted themselves well, despite being beaten by Tom Mallinson and "Young" Tilston respectively, Merseysiders will doubtless turn out in large numbers to see them. Desprey goes against Billy Mattick (Castleford) in what promises to be a strenuous figfteen-rounder, and Delveney will also have a Castleford lad, "Young" Bull, for his opponent over the same course. Bull gave a good account of himself when he lost narrowly on points to Teddy Baker in London a little more than a week ago, and if he can reproduce the same form he should just about beat the French lad

AT THE N.S.C.

JOE DAVIS BEATS BELGIAN WELTERWEIGHT.

Jeno Rozsa, a Belgian welterweight, in making his first appearance in England, went against Joe Davis (Hoxton) at the National Sporting Club in what was a substitute chief event for a contest between Tommy Milligan and Air-Mec. Bills, which fell through owing to both men being unfit to box. Over the ten rounds course Davis and Rozsa met, and the former won fairly comfortably on points from a man in good condition but lacking skill.

It was early seen that Davis, who had a pull in reach, was the better boxer, for he scored readily with left, whilst the Belgian kept on swinging for the head and body. Davis was able to evade these blows, and as he scored on the face with the left round after round, he at half-way held a long lead of points. The Belgian was guilty of much holding and carelessness with his head in rushing in close, so that the referee, after warning him several times, went to his corner at the end of the seventh round to impress upon him that he was running the risk of getting disqualified. Rozsa, strong and willing, was a worrier at close quarters in what was a rather scrambling bout, but Davis kept in front to the finish.

Jim Learoyd, a Leeds featherweight, won on points with something to spare in a ten-rounder in which Harry Whybrow (Wandsworth) was his opponent, and in a bout scheduled for the same number of sessions. Tom Thomas (Deri) knocked out Chris Gorman (Chelsea) in the first round, who napped a left hook on the jaw which put him down for the count.

OUR NOTE BOOK.

THE PREVALENT BAD TENDENCIES IN BOXING.—IMPORTANCE OF REFEREES COMPELLING ADHERENCE TO THE RULES.—BOARD OF CONTROL REFEREES.—THE KIDNEY PUNCH.—JIM DRISCOLL'S STRANGE OPINION.

When on Tuesday of last week the annual meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control certificated referees was held at the National Sporting Club, with Mr. A. F. ("Peggy") Bettinson in the chair, prevalent bad tendencies in boxing was one of the subjects discussed, and Jim Driscoll, the former champion featherweight, who was present, strongly advocated that referees should take a firm stand against boxers who may in future disregard the rules.

It may not be disputed that in a measure boxing is at a low standard at home, due to boxers having been permitted to acquire bad habits. Referees have failed to insist on boxers adhering to the rules, which empower officials to disqualify boxers for committing, amongst other offences, those of holding, wrestling, roughing and hitting with the open glove, and, as a result, the men we look to represent us in the ring have not learned to box well enough to acquit themselves against boxers from other countries with the same success as did more efficient exponents of the art of self-defence who have preceded them.

The offences mentioned above are more prevalant to-day than ' any others, and the only way to stamp them out is by strict refereeing. It is possible, of course, for referees to be too harsh, but for the good of boxing they had better be over-firm than lacking the courage to punish offenders. Their duty to see that boxing is carried out according to the rules is very plain, and when they agree amongst themselves, as Jim Driscoll says they should, to disqualify men who persist in breaking the rules, it will be a step towards bringing the sport back to the standard of some years ago.

The point emphasised by some of the referees at the meeting that officials who may take as firm a stand against breakers of the rules, as Driscoll would have them do, would not be engaged by promoters is one which should be ignored, and Driscoll countered it by saying that if all certified referees enforced the rules promoters would be compelled to punish offending boxers by refusing to give them engagements unless, of course, they obtained referees who do not hold British Board of Control Certificates. Promoters do this now, of course. Some of them allow men who know next to nothing about boxing to officiate for the chief reason that they are satisfied with small remuneration, and in some cases no other return than that of getting their names on the programmes and bills.

These referees, if they may be termed such, cannot give satisfaction to the paying public, because they have not the knowledge of boxing to make them courageous, and also for the reason they oblige promoters by allowing unsatisfactory contests to proceed in order not to put the promoters to the expense of staging additional bouts. Extra cost should not enter into the matter, of course, for where a boxer is ruled out for wilfully inffringing the rules, he may be deprived of his share of the purse. It is important that such offenders should be penalised to this extent and the short-sighted promoters, who stand for cheap and obliging referees, would be well advised to engage efficient officials and make the boxers at fault pay for their transgressions.

As matters stand at present promoters have a free hand to appoint anyone to referee at the tournaments they stage, and as long as this is the case officials who hold B.B.B.C. certificates and are prepared to do what lies in their power to eliminate the bad habits so many boxers have acquired, will be denied opportunities of cleansing the sport. Promoters affiliated to the B.B.B.C. should be bound to engage referees approved by the Board, since some of them who appear not to have the good of the sport at heart have paid no attention to the request made of them by the Board many months ago to engage referees holding certificates. The Board have not the control it should have, and affiliated promoters should help to increase its strength by complying with its requests, particularly on the subject of referees for there can be no doubting that competent men handling contests can do much to improve the sport.

A matter mentioned at the referees' meeting was that there are numerous promoters in different parts of the country who are not affiliated members of the B.B.B.C., and a reason advanced for this was that they were not aware they can become members on the payment of the small sum of one guinea, and Mr. Bettinson, the chairman, remarked that the referees present who were also members of the Press would assist the Board by giving publicity to the fact that the affiliation fee is so small. Promoters who desire to apply for membership should write to Mr. Norman Clark, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, London, W.C.

Preceding the meeting of the Referees' Association, the third annual meeting of the B.B.B.C. was held, and speaking from the chair, Mr. Bettinson referred to the increasing instances of bad refereeing, and said that promoters did not seem to be aware that the Board were always willing to supply a referee on application. He thought that were that fact more generally known more promoters would avail themselves of the Board's services, because it relieved the promoter of rsponsibility, and protected the boxer. In the event of the latter considering he had been unfairly treated the committee of the Board would be willing for him to attend before them to air his grievance.

It was decided that all affiliated members should be written to on the subject of the Board appointing referees, and the secretary was requested to send a list of certificated referees to each to each of the affiliated members.

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Appended are the names of all the boxing referees who hold B.B.B.C. certificates:—

Ashton, James; Barker, Val; Bell-Hart, J. R.; Bettinson, A. F.; Bettinson, G.; Bettinson, L. F.; Bissell, J. H.; Blackburn, C.; Carter, Major E. G. W.; Clark. Norman; Cleveland, H. E.; Corri, Eugene; Cragg, R.; Davies, D. W.; Deyong, Moss; Douglas, J. H.; Douglas, J. W. H. T.; Douglas, C. H.; Eastburn, F.; Fairfield, Lt.-Com. P.; Farnell, W.; Fowles, Col. J.; Gamble, T.; Gordon, Capt. A.; Grant; Hall-Say, G. N. E.; Hayes, R.; Hilton, F.; Hopkins, H. L.; Hulls, J. T.; Hulls, J. T., Junr.; Jackson, Capt.; Jennings, H.; Jones, T.; Lile, R.; Mann, G. E.; Mann, Lt. W.; Marshall, F.; Maurice, E.; Mawby, N.; Mayes, Lt.-Col. H. G.; Meyer, R.; Mitchell, J.; Morgan, W.; Morgan, L.; Moss, P. J.; Murphy, T.; Palmer, J.; Pearson, G.; Prnce, Capt. A.; Riley, D. A.; Saville, S.; Smith, R.; Smith, J.; Swift, J. H.; Thomas, C. B.; Thomas, C. H.; Thwaites, J. H.; Trowern, T. G.; Wakefield, T.; Walcott, Capt. C. C.; Williams, D. L.

After the meeting of the referees was declared closed, boxing was still a topic discussed by several present, and the "kidney punch" cropped up with Jim Driscoll, who was put to much discomfiture by it when he fought Fred Welsh in Cardiff eleven years ago, illustrating how Welsh used the blow, which was hammer fashion, and, therefore, foul, despite the fact that at that time, if memory is reliable, it was not laid down in the rules that a referee had the power to disqualify a man for using the kidney punch.

We got the impression from what Driscoll said that he understands the kidney punch came to be mentioned in the rules as a blow that is barred not because it was a punch on the kidney, but on account of it being a blow struck with other than the knuckle part of the glove, and with this view we differ, for the

reason that a kidney punch, or rather a blow with the edge or butt of the hand, has along been illegal.

Driscoll has different ideas of what is a kidney punch to ourselves, and contends that a blow with the knuckle part of the glove may still be struck by a boxer, boxing under N.S.C. Rules, which tell us that the kidney punch is barred, without fear of disqualification or even a repremand. Giving an illustration of how, in his opinion, a punch on the kidney may be administered by a boxer and passed by a referee as a fair bow, Jim asked the writer to lead at him with the left, slipped the blow and countered on the kidney with the right. The move is one which Driscoll was able to make against really good men when he was in the boxing game, and one has to admit with what skill the former featherweight champion used to use it, but nowadays a punch in the same region, even so cleverly delivered, must be regarded as a foul one.

Few referees would disqualify for the first offence, but we take the view that it would be their duty to caution the striker of the blow, and in so doing we differ with one of the greatest boxers that has ever graced the ring. Supposing, we asked Driscoll, the move you have illustrated was made by a boxer and the man who received the punch on the kidney went down and was unable to get up and continue, should not the referee give him the verdict on a foul? and Jim said no, the man knocked down ought to be counted out.

A prominent referee upheld Driscoll in this, and to our way of thinking, both were illogical. In the circumstances mentioned we would have a boxer incapaciated by a punch which is barred and the man who disabled him getting the verdict. Surely this is a strange way of refereeing in accordance with the rules!

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"KID" WINS IN ITALY.

Boxing at Milan on Sunday last, "Kid" Lewis, holder of the English and European "welter" titles, registered a k.o. He stopped Frattini, an Italian middleweight, in the seventeenth essay of a twenty-rounds contest. Lewis's next contest will be with Francis Charles (France) in Paris next month.

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Few credit bookmakers own a larger business than Mr. James Mortimer, who at Ruskin Buildings, Birmingham, conducts a "legal" and reliable business on a gigantic scale, employing over one hundred clerks. All accounts are paid promptly, and to have an account with "Notebook, Birmingham," is in itself a sign of reliability, for Mr. Mortimer only does business with people who can supply the best of references. By the way, the Principal of the firm has recently returned from his annual winter holiday in the South of France.

PREMIERLAND.

JOE BLOOMFIELD BEATS BILLY PRITCHARD.

Billy Pritchard, the Stalybridge Fighting Postman made an unsuccessful first appearance at Premierland, Whitechapel, last Thursday night, when, in a fifteen-rounds contest, he went against Joe Bloomfield (Islington), the brother of the light-heavy weight champion. He was defeated on points and boxed with little dash or confidence in a bout which failed to come up to expectations. The Cheshire boxer was disappointing, and in the early stages decisive defeat for him seemed likely to come about, but Bloomfield too often failed to hit with good judgment of distance in swinging the right for the jaw.

It was on very quiet lines that the opening session was contested. Bloomfield steered clear of most of Pritchard's leads at the next meeting, and narrowly missed with swinging rights intended for the jaw. Though on the defensive in the third round, Pritchard frequently left himself open. Bloomfield scored with useful left jabs to the mouth during the next two rounds, but was too erratic in trying the right. So far Pritchard had done very little attacking, and in the sixth and seventh rounds, though he managed to score occasionally with light left leads, he was most of the time giving ground. He improved during the eighth, but before the close of the meeting was unsteadied by a swinging right to the head.

As the bout proceeded the London boxer continued to score the faster, principally with the left, but when in the twelfth round the first prolonged in-fighting occurred, Pritchard more than held his own. He was shaken in the thirteenth round by two right-hand swinging counters, but stood his ground well. In landing his stabbing left and right swings to the head in the closing rounds Bloomfield punished his man and he was a clear winner at the finish.

Other fifteen-rounds contests resulted in Arthur Abbott (St. George's) winning from Len. Jay (St. George's), who retired with a damaged hand in the ninth essay, and Evan Williams (Tylorstown) outing Corpl. Downton (R.M.L.I.) in the second round with a left swing to the body.

TED WHITE'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEFEAT.

When the former amateurs, Ted White (St. George's) and Harry Salkind (Stepney), met at Premierland on the 17th inst. in a fifteen-rounds contest at 10st. 7lb., the former was beaten as a pro. for the first time. After a quiet opening White landed some hard blows to the head and jaw in the second round, but after some rough work, for which he was warned, he repeated his offence towards the end of the seventh round and was disqualified

In contests of ten rounds duration Albert Jacks (Mile End) beat Sid Cannons (Spitalfields) on points, and Teddy Baldock (Poplar) beat Young Bill Lewis (Bethnal Green) on points.

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HOXTON BATHS

ERNEST TYNCKE STOPS FRANKIE BURNS.

Though he hasn't impressed as a boxer of better than moderate class, Ernest Tyncke, the Belgian "welter," may be said to be attracting attention as a man who relieves referees of the task of deciding his contest. The Belgian is a fellow with a right-hand punch which despatches recipients of it to slumber-land, and on Monday afternoon at Hoxton Baths, London, Frankie Burns, the Australian middleweight champion, if not completely in dreamland when he lost in the tenth session of a fifteen-rounder, was unable to resume boxing within ten seconds following a knockdown scored by the Belgian with a right to the jaw. Burns was dazed enough by the punch and in trying to rise he rolled off the ring platform and was counted out while outside the ring.

Burns had been on the board twice previously, for "eight" in the fifth essay and for a second longer in the ninth through napping rights on the jaw, but he had evaded and also parried punches with which the Belgian tried to do damage and established quite a good lead. He was Tyncke's superior as an exponent of the art, and had some of the many punches he sent to the jaw with the right been backed by power he and not the Belgian would have won decisively. Tyncke, who has won four times off the reel by the k.o. route, has little defence and he had the worse of nearly all the long-range boxing. Burns often nailed him flush on the mouth in using a left jab while forcing the fighting and at close quarters put in the cleaner work, Tyncke resorting to hitting while holding. There was always the probability of the Belgian getting over a finishing punch, however, and before he did so he shook the Australian at different stages.

Ted Harper (Hoxton) beat "Young" Spiers (Hoxton) on points in a fifteen-rounder, which, though well contested, was never exciting; and in ten rounds events Gunner Bennett (Woolwich) stopped Tom Darrington (Highgate) with a right to the jaw in the sixth term and Mick Carter (Deptford) won on points over Wally Scott (Camden Town).

RACING NOTES

Granely, the property of Mr. J. D. Cohn, has finished his racing career, the Lincolnshire Handicap winner having gone to the FitzJames Stud, in France.

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C. Piggott, the Cheltenham trainer, it is reported, has stated that proving Clackmannan keeps well he can be considered a certain starter for the Lincolnshire Handicap.

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Capt. J. R. Renwick, the Malton trainer, contradicts the statement that A. Broady has been engaged as first jockey for Capt. Stanley Wilson. Capt. Wilson is at present in France, and until his return Capt. Renwick states no arrangements can be made.

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The new stands at Auteuil are fast approaching completion, and should be ready for the summer season. Visitors to the Grand Steplechase de Paris will be surprised at the wonderful improvements on the Paris chasing track.

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When running at Nottingham Ceinturon gave promise of some smart things as a hurdler, but whether the fall he had at Manchester frightened him or not, his heart is evidently not in the game. Ceinturon ran nothing like as well against Battle Cruiser for the Kilby Hurdle Race at Leicester, and did not jump nearly as well as in his first race over hurdles.

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THIS WEEK'S RACING.

Unless the weather curtails racing, some good sport should be witnessed at Newbury (Wednesday and Thursday) and Kempton Park (Friday and Saturday).

The following should go close to winning their respective engagements :—

NEWBURY—WEDNESDAY.

The Berkshire Hurdle Race—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.

The Swindon Steeple Chase—
BROWN'S SELECTED.

The February Hurdle Race—
SOUTHEND.

The Newbury Steeple Chase—
TURKEY BUZZARD.

The Amateurs' Hurdle Race—
DITCHLEY.

The Weyhill Steeple Chase—
HASTING'S SELECTED.

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NEWBURY—THURSDAY.

The Reading Steeple Chase—
BENNETT'S SELECTED.

The Lambourn Hurdle Race—
HUNGARIAN.

The Spring Steeple Chase—
FARIRAY.

The United Services Cup—
DWARF OF THE FOREST.

The Moderate Hurdle Race—
SCALINO.

The Greenham Hurdle Race—
HIGH FORCE.

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KEMPTON—FRIDAY.

The Twickenham Hurdle Race—
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE.

The Manor Steeple Chase—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Rendlesham Hurdle Race—
CHARTERED.

The Norbiton Steeple Chase—
TAFFYTUS.

The Amateur's Steeple Chase—
PRIDE OF MANISTER.

The Kenynton Hurdle Race—
IRELAND GREEN.

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KEMPTON—SATURDAY.

The Portlane Steeple Chase—
POOLE'S SELECTED.

The Chertsey Hurdle Race—
LONG CARRIE.

The Middlesex Steeple Chase—
LE CELLIER.

The St. James's Hurdle Race—
SQUIRE ERLEIGH.

The Novices' Steeple Chase—
DOUBLE BED.

The Ashford Hurdle Race—
ORANGE RIVER.

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MARCEL NILLES WINS.

Marcel Nilles, the French light-heavyweight, scored in decisive fashion in Paris on Wednesday of last week, when he met Larry Gains, a coloured man hailing from Canada. Gains stopped a punch in the third round and the punch stopped him.

TED MARCHANT BEATEN.

Ted Marchant, the Salford lightweight, met with a defeat on the 11th inst. at Philadelphia, where in a ten-rounds bout decided on points, he met Nat. Coldman.

AMATEUR AFFAIRS.

COX AND BASHAM FAIL IN COMPETITION.

At the Drill Hall, Flodden Road, Camberwell, where a boxing tournament was held under the auspices of the W Division Metropolitan Athletic Club last Wednesday, two open competitions, together with a competition for the Southern District Police Middleweight Championship and several six-round contests were decided. In the Police Championship event P.C. Beard, representing the promoting club, was successful, and he had to make three appearances.

E. Warwick (Columbia), the flyweight A.B.A. champion, proved the pick of half a dozen competitors in an open "bantam" competition, but his club-mate, J. Basham, though able to confirm a previous victory in clashing with H. E. Cox (St. Pancras) in a 10-7 competition, met with defeat in the final, J. Simpson, another member of St. Pancras, overcoming him on points.

Two policemen were beaten in six-rounds contest, P.C. Miles ("M" Div.) losing on points to Sergt. Edgeworth (6th London Infantry Brigade) and P.C. O'Connor ("L" Div.) surrendering to P. O. Hanrahan ("Poly") at the end of the third round.

"POLY" NOVICES.

When the Polytechnic B.C. annual novices' competitions were concluded last week by deciding 7st. 12lbs. and 8st. 12lbs. events, the winners of which were T. Brantson and W. Priem respectively, the runner-up to the latter, C. S. Pearson, displayed more boxing ability than any other competitor. He won two bouts in good style and was rather unlucky to lose in what had promised to be the bout of the evening. Priem, a lad with a punch but little science, landed midway through the opening session and won by a k.o.

NORTHAMPTON INSTITUTE "MIDDLE" WINS.

Of four competitors in an 11st. open event promoted by the Alexandra Palace A.B.C. last week, two unattached men, B. Rollason and A. H. King, were defeated by W. F. Bennett (Alexandra Palace) and C. W. Loftin (Northampton Institute) respectively. In the final Bennett was seen to slight advantage for a round, but then Loftin got on top and did enough to win.

Three "A.P." boxers were among the starters for a 7st. 12lbs. novices' competition, and E. F. Prior was the most successful of them. He reached the final via two victories, but then had to strike his flag to J. Norman (Oxford and Bermondsey Old Boys).

Representing the "Poly" in a 9st. 9lbs. novices' competition, W. R. Collis was called upon to box four times, and he scored over W. J. Wood (Columbia), H. G. Deebank,

the only "A.P." competitor in this event, F. Quinton (St. Pancras), and C. Matthews (Y.M.C.A.).

C. Arnold (Erdington B.C.) figured successfully in a 9st. novices' competition promoted by his club in Birmingham last week. He defeated L. Harmen (Aston) and G. Pearson (Central) on points.

A FUTURE PRO.

The question of an affiliated club staging a contest between two amateurs was considered. The secretary was directed to write to the club concerned stating: "The council strongly deprecate the idea of a club promoting a contest when it is distinctly understood one of the contestants contemplated adopting professionalism directly the contest is over."

The A.B.A. has not the power to forbid the club concerned to stage the contest, and to our way of thinking the council has overstepped the mark in taking the course mentioned As yet both boxers concerned are bona-fide amateurs, and though it may not be probable, it is possible that the man who has announced his intention of joining the pros. may change his mind and remain an amateur. He is an A.B.A. champion, and may, if he chooses, defend his title next April at Alexandra Palace.

IN BRUM.

Amateur boxing enthusiasts in Birmingham had a couple of shocks last week-end, when two of the Midland Amateur Champions, who will shortly be defending their titles, were beaten. In the first place, Fred Olney, Allied A.B.C., Midland heavyweight champion, came up against an eighteen-year-old youth in Tom Harrison, of the Sumner A.B.C., who defeated him in a six-rounds contest at the Central A.B.C., Aston. Harrison, who scales over twelve stones, is a fine-built lad, and boxed well, putting Olney down in the fourth round for eight seconds, and generally having the better of the deal.

"Micky" Allden, of Tangye's A.B.C., the Midland flyweight champion, came to grief in a six-rounds contest against "Dicky" Robbins, of the Edgbaston A.B.C., at the headquarters of the Metropolitan A.B.C., Saltley, losing on points by a narrow margin. It would appear, therefore, as though the Midland heavyweight and flyweight champions will have to look after their laurels in the forthcoming championships, the entries for which closed last Saturday.

E. J. Gadsden (Edgbaston), holder of the lightweight championship of the Midlands, fared better than the two title-holders mentioned above in a six-rounder at the "Met." tourney, as he won on points from A. Mason (Tangyes), while in a four-rounds bout A. Rollason (Metropolitan) outpointed F. Priest (Metropolitan).

AMERICAN BOXING GOSSIP.

By "Doc." Almy.

Boston, Feb. 2nd.—As a great ring battle, the affair between Dave Shade, of California, and Ted Moore, the Plymouth middleweight, fell far short of expectations. Shade received the award at the end of 10 rounds, and was entitled to it by a small margin, but a majority of the rounds were far from satisfactory.

The muss appeared to many of the fans as if the men were not trying, and they booed both accordingly, particularly during the middle of the fray.

There was a lot of holding, mauling, and very little hitting, with Shade frequently swinging like a gate and missing by feet, and Moore seemingly trying to hit outside the American's arms or tap him on the left shoulder

And at that, it had started off like a good scrap, with Moore surprising by his ability to fight inside during the first half of the contest. He took the first four rounds easily by his inside hitting when at close quarters, while as for Shade, he could not seem to get started.

The Britisher's style, which was somewhat similar to Shade's, seemed to bother the American, and he missed shot after shot that from his previous showings here he seemingly should have landed. At long range he was no better, much to the disappointment of the fans who had made him a 2-to-1 favourite and had rather counted on his putting over a k.o.

In these earlier rounds Moore scored well with lefts to the head and left and right hooks to the body. But toward the end of the fourth Shade sent a hard left hook to the head that shook the overseas visitor, and the latter had not got over it when the fifth started. It was a tame session with honours about even, the fans howling and booing throughout.

With the sixth Moore picked Shade's left shoulder for his target, a spot he hung to consistently to the end of the bout, while the American began to score with left hooks to head and rights to body. There was considerable ducking and rocking about, and the round did not satisfy the onlookers.

The seventh was slightly better, with Shade beginning to show something like his real form. He had the round and those that followed. There was considerable scrapping in the 10th, the wind-up session, with the fans booing both men. The award went to Shade.

It was Shade's first fray in the middleweight division, he hitherto boxing in the welter class, and the extra poundage appeared to have slowed him.

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Among the preliminaries was an eight-rounder, which brought together Freddie Jacks, of England, and Dick Finigan, of Dorchester, who recently beat Joe Fox. This was a warm set-to and won plenty of cheers from the fans. Finnigan's rally in the last two rounds gained him the award, but the margin was small, and there were plenty who felt that the Englishman had won the battle. He was given plenty of cheering at the close, his willingness to force and mix having made a big hit with the crowd.

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Billy Bridgewater and staff, the former manager of Roland Todd, occupied a few minutes of my time the other day to the effect that when Billy Ames, manager of Frank Moody, penned his recent letter to the writer that Todd and Moody are matched to box before the N.S.C. of London, said Ames must have been smoking oakum. And furthermore, affirmed Mr. B. B., Todd did not butt Moody with his head and break his nose thereby when they had their last ring meeting at home. It was a fist that mussed up Moody's nose and not Todd's head, but whether head or fist, Todd won.

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Tood's recent defeat at the hands of Jock Malone did not come as a surprise. In his gym. work in this city prior to the bout Roland showed himself to be wide open for body attack, also, that while fairly good on the defensive and possessing a fine, straight, left hand, that he will not do against a chap of class who will come in and keep on top of him. In the fight with Malone the European middleweight champion was a target for left and right hooks to the body, while his left, as it was usually employed as Todd was running backwards, possessed little sting and did but slight damage. Malone was not in good shape, due to a severe cold, otherwise the bout would in all probability have ended in a k.o. in his favour.

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Due to the rumbles of dissatisfaction over the treatment of Harry Wills, Tex Rickard appears to be making genuine efforts to put the popular negro ringster inside ropes with a worthy opponent during the coming summer, when outdoor boxing and big purses will again be in high feather. It is the desire of the promoter, however, to have Wills first meet Firpo, and, if victorious over the Argentinian, to take on Dempsey in a second melee, both to be promoted in or near New York. To date Wills, through his manager, Paddy Mullins, has balked, probably for the purpose of forcing Rickard to boost his offer. It is contended, though, that as Wills is considered the real runner-up to the championship, he is entitled to first crack at Dempsey, with Firpo an after consideration. It is obvious that Wills in the end would get more cash for himself by first meeting Firpo, whom, in all likelihood, he would defeat.

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AT THE RING.

ERNIE IZZARD DEFEATS PHIL BOND.

Believing he could take revenge for a defeat he suffered last July, Ernie Izzard, the tall Herne Hill featherweight, entered upon his return contest with Phil Bond, of Lambeth, at the Ring, London, on Monday, confident that the game to play was to make use of the ring and employ a straight left hand whenever possible, and his plan of campaign against a stronger man than himself and the possessor of a rather dangerous right hand worked out well, for he was able, in the course of a good featherweight battle of fifteen rounds length, to build up a nice lead and emerge the winner on points.

Handicapped in the matter of reach, Bond was all for boxing at close quarters, and with this end in view he never tired of forcing the fighting, but much of the time he found it an unpleasant task, for Izzard, cool and clever, stabbed away at the face and retreated. The latter's punches were not particularly punishing, due to his failure to time his man's attacks well, but they served to prevent Bond getting into hitting distance time and again. At parrying and slipping blows Izzard was smart, and sometimes when he side-stepped as Bond rushed the latter was caused to go floundering against the ropes. He went through them and almost out of the ring occasionally.

Speed and skill were on the side of the Herne Hill lad, who intends shortly to go to America, but Bond was a most persistent fellow, and at close quarters, when he was able to get there by weaving in, he dealt punishment to the body which here and there threatened to wear his man down. Izzard was at fault in holding sometimes when hard pressed, but his defence for the most part was of the legitimate kind, and on the run of the contest, in which he steered clear of the rights Bond wanted to connect with his jaw, he won deservedly if not comfortably

George Nolan (King's Cross) beat Johnny Gibbons (Bermondsey) in the ninth essay of a fifteen rounds event, the referee intervening when Nolan, who had been upset in the first round, had floored his man four times.

George Cunnington (Homerton) beat Percy Gathercale (Hammersmith) in the sixth session of a ten rounder by the k.o. route, after having had somewhat the worse of matters and paid visits to the floor in rounds two and three.

CHISLETT UNLUCKY LOSER TO VAN DYK.

Opponents for the second time, Van Dyk, the Dutch featherweight, and Johnny Chislett, of Treherbert, provided a good chief contest last Saturday at The Ring, and the man from Holland gained his second victory over Chislett, but he was very lucky to get the verdict when the allotted course of fifteen rounds had been covered. The referee's finding was unpopular, the general opinion being that during the second half of the set-to, which was always warmly contested, the Welshman did enough to deserve the award.

It was on give-and-take lines that the first two sessions were got through, each taking his turn at attacking, and trying to score effectively with the right. Van Dyk had rather the better left, and jabbed to the face with it nicely in the third term, but when he failed to land as Chislett came in the latter scored with both hands. Right upper-cuts to the jaw were good punches registered by the Principality boxer, and at the fourth meeting, while forcing the fighting, Chislett several times hooked the left to the jaw. Van Dyk had somewhat the better of some in-fighting, and tried to make a short-arm battle of it in the fifth round, but in doing so he often ran into punches directed at his face. In turn each was shaken by clips on the jaw in a strenuous sixth round, which was followed by a round in which Chislett was both cleverer and more aggressive than the Dutch boxer, who seemed to be tiring somewhat, and was out-scored during the eighth and succeeding three sessions. Chislett kept pressing at a steady pace, and hit with good judgment of distance. He did well again in the thirteenth, and, if held in check at the next meeting, he did the more execution in the fifteenth essay, after which the decision against him came as a surprise.

Phil Clements, a Gloucester lad, was defeated on points by Jim Blake (Bethnal Green) in another fifteen-rounds "go," but he made a favourable impression and was loudly cheered at the close. In the early stages he would not be kept at bay by the left jab Blake employed, and put in some good two-handed work. He punched with more sting and shook his man a few times with right counters to the jaw. Blake seemed to get the measure of his man in the fifth round, and scored fast with a stabbing with the left, but he had to be satisfied with holding his own later, as most of his leads were countered. Blake's extra reach bothered Clements, however, from the eighth essay, and left jabs punished him about the face. The Londoner steadily built up a useful lead, to finish a clear winner over a plucky opponent.

"SONNY" BIRD DEFEATS ARTHUR TYRRELL.

In a not particularly good principal contest at The Ring last Thursday night, "Sonny" Bird (Chelsea) won over Arthur Tyrrell (Walsall), when midway through the twelfth round the referee assisted the provincial boxer to rise following a knockdown and put an end to the bout. Tyrrell protested that he was able to continue and had declined to surrender when the referee invited him to do so between rounds eleven and twelve. He had very little chance when the bout, which was scheduled for fifteen rounds, was stopped, as punishment dealt him in several round from about the fourth had reduced his strength. Once in the ninth essay he came down for a count of eight through taking a left swing on the jaw, and at other stages he was shaken by rights on the point. Bird always hit with more sting than the Walsall man, and was also the better man on the defensive. He did the more execution at long and short range, and had established a fairly good lead when the contest was stopped.

In other fifteen-rounds events Albert Hicks (Stepney) beat Billy Housego (Paddington), who retired in the ninth essay, and Bomb. Billy Cook (Woolwich) won on a foul from Seaman Willoughby (Chatham) when in the second round the sailor brought him down with a low punch.

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